

VAN ORSDEL TO SUCCEED COL. BAIRD

Wyoming Is in
the Field at
Once.

(Special to the Commercial Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 2.—When the cabinet met yesterday morning at 11 o'clock Attorney General Knox announced to President Roosevelt the death in Colorado of United States District Attorney John C. Baird, of Honolulu. Further than the mere announcement there was no discussion regarding his successor but when he left the White House Mr. Knox said he should probably take the matter up as soon as convenient. It is doubtful however, whether this can be done before the convening of Congress. The President has already made it known that he intends to make no further important appointments to office, as far as it can be avoided, till Congress meets. Thus he will save the trouble of making an extra appointment after Congress convenes for the law prescribes that recess appointments can hold only as long as Congress is not in session.

Furthermore Mr. J. J. Dunne, the assistant district attorney at Honolulu, has been acting district attorney for some time, and as far as anything the Department knows, quite satisfactorily. Mr. Baird was appointed in the year 1900 and, as his term was far from expiring, there were no applicants here for his place. It is clear that the President can not select a successor till he can hear from some of those in authority in Hawaii.

The only candidate who has come to the front so far is Attorney General J. A. Van Orsdel of Wyoming. He has the support of Senator Warren who is now here hard at work and most probably will win the appointment.

Within a couple of weeks it is expected that some of the prominent Republicans will be back here or will be heard from. There is every evidence of lively times for the territory during the approaching session of Congress. While ex-Queen Liliuokalani is coming to this country to make a visit in Boston and then to spend the remainder of the winter in Washington, chiefly for reasons of its being a pleasant residence town, there is no doubt here that she will seek compensation from Congress for being deprived of the crown lands. Such legislation is not, perhaps, quite as hopeless as will be Delegate Wilcox's efforts to secure statehood for the Territory, which efforts are already being advertised here to some extent. It is hardly necessary to say to the enlightened people of the territory that there is no prospect of statehood for Hawaii for many years, at least till one of the two leading parties have gained sure control of local affairs, and then not for some years. But there is little chance of any territories gaining statehood at this session of Congress, although Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma are already pressing vigorously for such legislation.

The stir over Delegate Wilcox's aspirations to be Governor of Hawaii, as voiced in a petition sent here some time ago, has completely subsided. The conferences that Secretary Cooper and other prominent men of the territory, held with the government officials gave the latter light on the situation and attempts to start idle rumors like the one that Gov. Dole intended to resign are unavailing.

The case of Lieut. Howell, U. S. A., who married a Honolulu girl, and who was court-martialed in the Philippines for drunkenness and sentenced to dismissal from the service, is still with Secretary of War Root and probably will not be acted upon for several days. When Secretary Cooper was here he took up the matter with the Acting Secretary of War, Col. Sanger, but on the return of Mr. Root, Col. Sanger passed it on to him. Mr. Root for two weeks has been very busy at his residence in this city preparing his annual report and has given almost no attention to other matters. He will pass upon the verdict of the court-martial and then report to the President. It is recognized that the offense is a grave one, as Lieut. Howell was on duty. No indication is given as to whether leniency will be shown him.

While Acting Governor Cooper's report was in proof weeks ago and was given to the public in the States over a week ago, it probably will not be printed in pamphlet form for some time. There has been considerable delay in getting proofs of the illustrations for the report. Some interesting pictures in a pamphlet, entitled "The Hawaiian Islands," prepared by the territorial authorities and printed by the Press Publishing Company in San Francisco, were to be included in the report, besides a large number of photographs brought by Mr. Cooper. However, the cuts were sent to Washington by freight, instead of by express, and there has been so much delay that they can not be gotten into the report, as it looks now.

The report of the Commissioner of Navigation, advance proofs of which have been furnished the press, state that there are sixty-four vessels in Hawaii with a total tonnage of 27,149. The arrival here of a few members from the far west and from the Pacific coast indicates a strong sentiment there in favor of a subsidy bill for shipping this winter, but for subsidies chiefly on tonnage and not on speed, whereby much of the benefits of the measure would go to shipping on the Pacific. A subsidy on speed would give much of the appropriation to the fast Atlantic liners, plying between New York and

U.S. DISTRICT ATT'Y BAIRD DEAD



THE LATE COL. J. C. BAIRD.

DENVER (Col.), Nov. 7.—Colonel J. C. Baird, for twenty years an attorney at Cheyenne, died this afternoon at the home of his brother-in-law, Dr. A. G. Case, 1537 York street. He was fifty years of age. His death was due to nervous prostration. He was appointed United States Attorney for Hawaii and took office August, 1900.

Col. Baird has been in ill health for some time and within the past year has been compelled twice to take a trip to the Coast. He was affected nervously, and suffered great pain. On his most recent visit he was accompanied by his son, Byron K. Baird, who, upon seeing at first a material improvement in his father's condition, returned and is now in the city. It is understood the internment will be in Cheyenne.

John C. Baird was born in Pittsburg, Pa., in 1852. He was educated in the Philadelphia and European ports.

The annual report of the Second Assistant Postmaster General says that during the last fiscal year the reorganization of the mail transportation service in Hawaii was completed on the lines followed by the mail service in the States. The cost of the Hawaiian mail service up to July 1 last was paid out of the special appropriation provided therefor but since that time it has been included in the general appropriations for carrying the mail. The Assistant Postmaster General gives the following summary of the mail service in the Territory of Hawaii, as it existed July 1 last: There were twenty-four star routes with an aggregate length of 472.80 miles, on which the annual travel amounts to 129,126.8 miles, at a cost to the government, under existing contracts, of \$16,869. There are eleven steamboat routes in the Territory, over which mail is carried, the aggregate length of these routes being 3,643 miles and the annual travel 208,520 miles when carrying mails for the government. This service costs the government \$35,160. There are also two railroads in Hawaii on which mail is carried, these two routes being 81.23 miles long and the annual pay by the government for this service, \$3,474.71. There are twenty mail messenger routes in the Territory with an aggregate length of 151.97 miles, this service costing the government \$5,114, annually.

Summing up the Department shows that there are fifty-seven mail routes of all kinds in the Territory, with an aggregate length of 4,349.05 miles and that the cost of all this transportation of mail in Hawaii each year costs \$60,017.71. It is plain that the postal business in the Territory must be very heavy to prevent a large annual deficit. The Department states that such mail requisitions as were made during the past year for mail equipment for Hawaii were promptly filled. Orders have been issued for material for the manufacture of an additional quantity of distinctive equipment for the Philippine Islands.

The following statement about ocean mail contracts, of interest to Hawaii, is made by the Second Assistant Postmaster General, Mr. W. S. Shallenbarger:

"On November 1, 1900, there went into effect a contract with the Oceanic Steamship Company for carrying the mail from San Francisco to Sydney, New South Wales, calling at Honolulu, Pago Pago and Auckland once every three weeks during a period of ten years. This service is performed in American-built steamships, complying with the requirements of the act of Congress of March 3, 1891, and these steamships being larger and faster than those formerly carrying such mails, the time from San Francisco to Sydney has been reduced from twenty-five days to twenty-one days.

"There are now in operation six contract routes for ocean mail service, under the act of 1891, at a cost of \$1,448,900 per annum, five of them being on the Atlantic and one on the Pacific. On May 18, 1901, a domestic contract took effect for service by the Oceanic Steamship Line between San Francisco and Honolulu, one round trip every three weeks. It is expected will result in placing postal clerks on all the steamers of the Oceanic Steamship Line which ply between San Francisco and Honolulu, for the purpose of assorting the mail while in transit in either direction. This will avoid delays in the terminal postoffices and facilitate the prompt delivery and dispatch of mails upon the arrival of the steamers at terminal points.

"Attention is invited to the fact that this department has no contract for direct mail service between the Pacific

public schools and for some time followed the trade of iron molder in the Pittsburgh rolling mills. After that, at the age of 20, he became a newspaper man, and was editor of the Pittsburgh Herald for a time. While there he began the study of the law and in 1878 moved to Cheyenne and became editor of the Daily Leader at that place. He was admitted to the Wyoming bar in 1880. He was Judge Advocate-General of the State for nine years, served two terms as District Attorney of Laramie county, in which Cheyenne is situated, and was prominently identified with the Board of Trade of Cheyenne and served as a member of the Wyoming Legislature. In 1900 he became the first United States District Attorney of Hawaii, and left a lucrative law practice in Cheyenne to accept the position, and sailed in July in the hope that the climate would benefit his failing health. He was a prominent Mason and a leader in the Woodmen of the World.

coast and the Philippine Islands. Mails have been carried between San Francisco and Manila by government transports, and Philippine mails have also been carried by steamers between San Francisco, Tacoma and Seattle, and Hongkong, China, but for transportation between Hongkong and Manila these mails have to depend upon the steamers of other countries.

"In view of our important interests in the Philippine and Hawaiian Islands, and of the fact that the government transport service may be withdrawn at any time, I am impressed with the importance of making some arrangement in the near future which shall insure the direct transportation of the mails with regularity between these possessions and our Pacific coast.

"The compensation applicable to contract-mail service between the Pacific coast and the Orient, under the act of 1891, has not been sufficient in past years to induce proposals for mail service in response to the advertisement of the department. It now seems probable that if this government should withdraw its transport service, with the understanding that its passenger and fast-freight traffic, together with the increasing volume of its mails, might go to the steamship company that would submit the most satisfactory proposal for quick and regular service, a favorable contract could be secured. If it were known that fast mail steamers, adhering strictly to schedule time between the Pacific coast and Manila and calling at other ports at regular intervals, were under contract with this government, and the service as well as the commercial interests of this country, would be greatly advanced."

ERNEST G. WALKER.

OLYMPIC TEAM WILL BE STRONG

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—Olympic is to play the Nevada State University in Reno next Wednesday, the Reliance Club at Sixteenth and Folsom streets grounds in this city Thanksgiving, and the Oahu College eleven in Honolulu Christmas day. This busy prospect has reanimated the players and opened competition for places on the big club team. Olympic and Reliance resumed hard practice last night, and will keep up their training with the Thanksgiving day game as the climax of their athletic efforts for this season.

In preparation for the Thanksgiving game between Olympic and Reliance, both clubs are recruiting for varsity material. Reliance expects to have Staker, the Stanford and old Chicago fullback, and Tommy Code, the old Stanford varsity quarter for four years, to supplant the players on the big club team. Olympic, with the expectation of the Reno trip and the line voyage to Honolulu, has in prospect the addition to its squad of Duden, the California varsity fullback, Pringle, California's varsity tackle and captain of last year, and the greatest tackle Berkeley has ever had; Womble, this year's California varsity captain and the best end rush the coast has ever produced; Clay, a last year's California varsity guard, and Masters, a Stanford varsity guard, and Masters, a team already having Cadwalader, the 225-pound old Yale guard; Plunkett, the 200-pound old California guard; Moran, the 195-pound last year's Lafayette College guard; Gammon, last year's California varsity half, formerly of Iowa, and Peterson, Ashbrick, Kerfoot, Rithet and Romayne. With such material to make a team from, Olympic is jubilant.

Queen Wilhelmina, of Holland, was prematurely confined, but though very weak, is not in such condition as to cause anxiety.

FAULT IN PLANTING

Expert's Remedy
for Pineapple
Blight.

Mistakes in methods of planting are the causes of blight which has been afflicting pineapple cultivation in Hawaii recently. Javed Smith received a report yesterday from the Department of Agriculture upon some pineapple specimens sent to Washington about six weeks ago. The diseased pineapples in question came from Pearl City, but all over the islands the growth has been similarly affected, though no material damage has as yet resulted. The disease is somewhat in the nature of a blight, and does not spread to a whole field of the plants, affecting a pineapple only here and there.

H. J. Webber, who is in charge of the plant breeding laboratory at Washington, in his communication to Director Smith, gives some advice in regard to pineapple cultivation which will be of great value to the growers of the fruit here. Mr. Webber expresses a keen interest in Hawaiian agriculture and expresses a willingness to assist in every way possible, the efforts of Mr. Smith.

He refers to the disease as "tangle root" and says that the Hawaiian product shows symptoms of the blight, and suggests an easy remedy. The letter is so far as it refers to the pineapple is as follows:

Mr. J. G. Smith, Hawaii Experiment Station, Honolulu, H. I.: Dear Mr. Smith—Mr. Woods has handed me some diseased pineapples which you sent in for examination. The trouble in this case seems to be due to the malady which we have termed "tangle root," a figure of which was given in a paper of mine in the Year Book for 1895.

This condition of the pineapple, where the roots are deflected by the subtending leaves and grow around the stock instead of into the soil, is an accompaniment of pineapple blight and seems to be a symptom of that disease.

It is in many cases without question due to improper preparation of the slips in planting, and judging from the plant you sent, it is the case in this instance. The specimens are of the Smooth Cayenne variety. I notice, on a careful examination of the bases of the plants, that they seem not to have been properly trimmed in planting, or to have been left in connection with the old plants.

In planting pineapple slips or suckers, the basal leaves should be pruned down considerably, that is, the leaves should be pulled off, and when one reaches the soft tissue of the base a careful cross-section should be made with a knife, as in preparing cuttings of peaches or pears, leaving a smooth surface from which the roots will push out easily. The plants you sent seem never to have been put in the soil, but had been simply allowed to sucker from the bases of the old plants and remain without replanting. If fields of pineapples are allowed to reproduce themselves, it is necessary for growers to carefully go over them and pull off the suckers located above the ground, leaving only what are called "rattons," that is, those suckers which spring out from the base of the old plants below the soil, so that the roots when developed will be pushed out into the surrounding soil.

While it is impossible at this distance for us to be certain that the disease in your case is due to improper manipulation in planting, etc., I am inclined to think that this is the case. Of course, it may be that you have the regular pineapple blight out there, and that the blight is associated with tangle root in Hawaii.

I have found by careful microscopic examination in the field that plants affected with blight almost invariably show a fine mycelium in connection with the small roots, which gains entrance through the root hairs, grows into the main roots, and thence into the main stem of the plant. It seems to be closely related to the Fusarium disease, which Doctor Smith has described. Whether this fungus induces the malady, however, can be determined only by careful cultures, which have not been made.

If anything of this nature comes up at any time, we would of course be glad to hear from you and give you whatever information we can.

H. J. WEBBER,
In Charge of Plant Breeding Laboratory.

CHINESE GODS WERE DESTROYED

Chinese idols, joss sticks and shrines are becoming common affairs with the Fire Claims Commission. Yesterday the claim of the Wong Leong Doo Association came up for hearing, in which \$764.75 is asked for the loss of the "Heavenly" articles of worship contained in the temple of the Association. The articles mentioned in the claim are as follows:

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| 1 idol | \$30.00 |
| 1 drag table | 18.00 |
| 2 statues of dragon and tiger | 14.00 |
| 1 shrine | 128.00 |
| 1 piece red silk crepe | 16.00 |
| 1 gauze curtain | 9.00 |
| 1 silk flag | 12.00 |
| 1 st. joss stick stands | 25.00 |
| 3 pair artificial candles | 5.00 |
| 3 joss sticks | .75 |
| 1 pewter incense burner | 15.00 |
| 1 red silk label | 8.00 |
| 1 pair brass urns | 9.50 |
| 1 lantern | 9.00 |
| 1 gilded carved table | 27.00 |
| 1 long table | 16.00 |
| 2 square tables | 12.00 |
| 1 pair lanterns | 6.50 |
| 1 gold letter sign board | 25.00 |
| 1 pair gold letter door sentence boards | 14.50 |
| 1 god shrine door | 11.50 |
| 1 pair joss stick stands | 8.50 |
| 1 pair divine tables | 14.50 |
| 1 joss stick stand | 7.50 |
| 1 table | 11.50 |
| 1 pair gold letter sentence boards | 7.50 |
| 1 pair red letter sentence boards | 8.50 |
| 1 lantern | 11.00 |

2 electric lamp fixtures	11.50
50 set bed boards	87.50
Timber	121.00
1 brick hearth	25.00
1 arch	12.50
	\$264.75

Commissioner Tosta inquired of the representative of the Association who was on the stand as to what disposition his heathen god represented. The Chinese looked wise for a minute, gazed inquiringly at the inquisitor and then said he did not know what his specialty was.

The Association claims to have a membership of about 2,000 persons.

FAST TIME FOR THE BRITISH MAILED

NEW YORK, November 8.—When the Cunard liner Umbria sails this morning she will carry a batch of mail matter that arrived in San Francisco last Monday on the steamship Ventura from Sydney and Auckland. It will be the speediest delivery ever accomplished, more than half way around the globe, by steam at sea and steam on land, and steam at sea again in less than thirty days.

The New York Central Railroad will deliver the mail bags on board the Cunard within five minutes of her sailing time this morning, and the steamship will have the letters in the London post-office on the morning of November 16th. The extreme distance from Melbourne to London, by way of San Francisco and New York, is 15,235 miles.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—Word was received today at the New York Central Railroad offices from Spreckels & Co. of San Francisco, who own and operate the Oceanic Steamship Company, that the British government had ordered it to carry the Australian-London mail from now on. Later in the day a dispatch was received from the same company stating it had also got from the French government a contract for transporting mail from Tahiti, which is the chief port of all the French possessions among the Pacific Islands.

Both of these new contracts are the result of the record breaking trip made by the mail in two trials made over the American route. Up to last August it has been taken by way of the Suez canal to Brindisi and from there to London by rail, the trip taking thirty-five days.

George H. Daniels, general passenger agent of the New York Central Railroad, was elated over the dispatches from San Francisco. He is of the opinion that his mail trial will be the cause of much passenger traffic by this route.

READY FOR SERVICE ON KALIHI LINE

The trial car on the Rapid Transit Kalihi line will be run today if the track is ready. The work had progressed so rapidly yesterday that it seemed likely that everything would be in readiness to the Kamehameha Schools by today noon, and the decision to make the trial was reached.

The trolley for the new track is now at the arch bridge over the Kalihi river, and the tracklayers are close behind. The electrical installation is completed as far as the Tramways barns. This will be complete this morning to the schools, and the only possible drawback will be the readiness of the switch at the rice fields. One end of the switch is done, but the other is delayed.

Upon the acceptance of the work, service on the line will be inaugurated at once. The cars will be run to the Kamehameha Schools on the same schedule which obtains over the rest of the line. Cars will then make round trips from Alexander street to Kalihi. The Liliha street service will be carried on by two cars which will connect with each trip made by the main line cars.

Money for Missions.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 2.—The general committee of the board of church extension of the Methodist Episcopal church today took up the voting to the various conferences of the amounts to be allowed each during the ensuing year. Appropriations were made for the Philippine Islands and Hawaii, the former being voted \$500, and the Pacific-Japanese mission \$200. The discussion regarding the Philippines developed the fact that the intention of the society to erect at least a dozen churches in the Philippines during the next year.

Fast Trip From Honolulu.

A fast trip of fifteen days from Honolulu was made by the bark Albert, which has arrived with a cargo made up of 11,121 bags of sugar, 28 bags of coffee and 12 barrels of castor oil. The barkentine W. H. Dimond, twenty-two days out from Honolulu, arrived yesterday with 2,000 bags of sugar and 1,000 cases of pineapples. The bark Alden Besse, also making port yesterday, sixteen days from Honolulu, brought 6,000 bags of sugar.—Chronicle, Nov. 10.

Lives Lost on Shipboard.

ATHENS, Nov. 10.—A terrible gun accident occurred Saturday on board the battleship Royal Sovereign outside Astok harbor. An artilleryman forgot to close the breech before the gun was fired. One officer and six artillerymen were killed outright, the bodies being terribly mutilated, and the captain and thirteen sailors were seriously injured.

Gen. Merriam Retires.

DENVER, Col., Nov. 12.—After forty years of service in the army of the United States, Brigadier-General Henry C. Merriam, commanding the Department of the Colorado, was retired at noon today on account of age. General J. C. Bates, commanding the Department of the Missouri, will, for the present, assume command of the Department of the Colorado, also, to be relieved later by General MacArthur, who, it is understood, will replace General Merriam.

Chicago packers fear a beef famine, and want government aid to prevent a decrease in cattle.

Lieutenant Crawford, a South Carolina man, who flitted his fiancée on the wedding day has been refused a commission by Roosevelt.

Brazil's chamber of deputies has passed a bill increasing the duty on iron in bags instead of barrels, a concession to America as against Argentina.

Emil S. Fisher, of the Deutsche Bank of Shanghai, in addressing the School of Commerce, N. Y., said the dragon was not dead, but full of vigor, vitality and resource.

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